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SUBJECT: SOVIET LETTER ON JANUARY 5 INCIDENT OVER BALTIC

REF: STOCKHOLM 526 (DTG 041348Z FEB 77) AND PREVIOUS

1. THE EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER DATED JANUARY 18, 1977 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES IN THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, E. P. BARABASH, DESCRIBING A "NEAR-COLLISION" BETWEEN AN AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT AND "AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT" ON JANUARY 5 OVER THE BALTIC.

2. THE LETTER, WHICH IS QUOTED IN FULL IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION BELOW, WAS GIVEN TO THE FAA BRUSSELS OFFICE ON JANUARY 21 BY HENRICK WINBERG, DIRECTOR, SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION BOARD. WINBERG HAD CALLED AT THE FAA OFFICE ON THAT DAY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE CREW OF THE US AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT AND THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD.

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3. THE LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEX. BEGIN QUOTE.
WE WOULD INFORM YOU HEREWITH THAT ON JANUARY 5, 1977 THERE OCCURRED A NEAR-COLLISION BETWEEN AN AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT SU25IA, PLANE TYPE IL-62M, REG. NO. 86607, EN-ROUTE MOSCOW-PARIS, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN AREA 5709 2000E. THE AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT IL-62M WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE OF 10,000

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METERS, ABOVE THE CLOUDS, WITH A 10 KILOMETER
VISIBILITY. AFTER PASSING VENTSIPILS AT 13.01 HOURS
THE CREW REPORTED TO TRAFFIC CONTROL STOCKHOLM THEIR
ESTIMATED TIME OF PASSING 20 E AT 13.07 HOURS.
"TRAFFIC CONTROL IN STOCKHOLM GAVE PERMISSION FOR ENTRY
INTO THE STOCKHOLM FIR AT 10,000 METERS AND GAVE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL, MALMO,
AFTER PASSING 20 E. A COUPLE OF SECONDS BEFORE PASSING
20 E, A 4-ENGINED JET AIRCRAFT WITH A DARK, BROAD
FUSELAGE CROSSED THE AIR CORRIDOR, TOWARDS THE AEROFLOT
PLANE, AT THE SAME ALTITUDE AND IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY
OF IT.
"THE CAPTAIN OF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT REPORTED WHAT HAD
HAPPENED TO TRAFFIC CONTROLS IN RIGA, STOCKHOLM AND MALMO.
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALMO INFORMED THE SOVIET CREW THAT IN
FL290 (8850M) IN THAT AREA THERE WAS A MILITARY AIRCRAFT.
"AN EXAMINATION OF THE DATA AT SU-25IA SHOWED THAT
BEFORE THE NEAR-COLLISION, THE AEROFLOT PLANE IL-62M WAS
FLYING AT THE PRESCRIBED ALTIUTDE OF 10,000 METERS.
"WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM THE
SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE PLANE WHEN FLYING THROUGH SWEDISH AIR TERRITORY.
"I REQUEST YOUR ANSWER.
SIGNED: E. P. BARABASH, DIRECTOR. END TEXT. END QUOTE

4. FAA BRUSSELS OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT ALL INQUIRIES
ON THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO EMBASSY
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